

County of Greenville

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Division of Building Safety 864 467 7060

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Residential Elevation Grant Program

This program has been established by Greenville County Council to assist those individuals who occupy the residence and wish to raise their homes to avoid inundation by floodwaters. The Grant will provide up to \$7,500 towards the costs involved in the raising of the home.

All work must be permitted and constructed in accordance with local, state and federal regulations and inspected by Greenville County to be eligible for this program.

Please obtain, complete and supply all required documentation as outlined on the Structure Elevation Application Form, which is available from the Building Safety Office, located at 301 University Ridge, Suite 4100. Upon completion of the form, return it along with your documentation, to the Building Safety Office, Attention – Office of the Floodplain Manager.

Your completed application will be reviewed for completeness and content. If further clarification or information is required, you will be contacted. If your application is approved, you will be notified and you may proceed with your construction permits for the project.

Please note that no funds will be dispersed until the project has undergone all required inspections from the County. It is the responsibility of the owner to request inspections.

Part II. Mitigation Program for Flashflooding and Areas of Special Flood Hazard

Purpose: To establish a program whereby certain dwelling units located in areas of special flood hazard in Greenville County will be afforded the opportunity to obtain reimbursement from Greenville County Government for up to \$7,500.00 of the cost of mitigation efforts to elevate a dwelling unit.

<u>Criteria for participation:</u> Owner-occupied dwellings are eligible to apply for participation. To determine funding priority among applicants the following scoring system will be used:

60 points Water in the home from flashflood or home in regulated area of special

flood hazard.

30 points Water in the home on at least two occasions or evidence of repetitive

loss

10 points Floodwaters have entered house once within the previous five years.

"Water in the home" means water entering a dwelling unit so as to least cover the floor, not including spaces below grade on all sides (basements).

An application must score at least 60 points in order to be eligible for funding consideration. Commercial Residential Properties (non-owner occupied homes) are not eligible for funds under this program.

<u>Application Form and Contents:</u> All applications for funding under this program ("Part II") shall be made on an approved application form provided by the County. The Part II Program form shall allow applicants to detail their situation and provide evidence of their qualifications for scoring purposes.

<u>Use of Funds:</u> Qualified and selected Part II Program participants shall be eligible for reimbursement up to \$7,500.00 for exclusive use in the raising of their dwelling unit out of flood hazard in accordance with County standards. All work for which reimbursement is sought under the Part II Program must be permitted and inspected and by County Code Officials prior to the release of funds. For dwelling units outside regulated areas of special flood hazard, qualified structure shall be required to be elevated a minimum of four feet above the known historic high water mark.